

CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A magnetic tape comprising a substrate having on one side thereof a magnetic layer serving as a recording surface and on the other side thereof a resin layer serving as a non-recording surface, wherein said magnetic tape has a region on the side of the non-recording surface along the longitudinal direction of the tape in which a regular pattern for servo tracking having different optical properties from the other major region of the side of the non-recording surface is to be formed, and said magnetic tape has a thickness of 7 μm or less, wherein said magnetic tape further comprises a thin layer of a metal or an alloy having a low melting point which is located between said substrate and said resin layer, and a servo tracking pattern comprising depression is formed in said thin layer.

Claims 9-10 (canceled)

REMARKS

Claim 8 is pending. Claims 1-7 and 9-10 have been canceled. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claim 8 based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art, in view of the prior art and specification, would be reasonably apprised of the scope of claim 8. For example, the magnetic tape in claim 8 has a thickness of 7 μm or less. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand what "thin layer of metal" in the magnetic tape means. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection. The Examiner's remaining rejections are now moot in view of the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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